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DETPASS DHEW/RSA FOR MC CAVITT

NEW DELHI FOR DENO REED

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SUBJ: SFCP/DHEW/RSA: REHABILITATION OF THE MULTI-HANDICAPPED
BLIND

1. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MOHAMED RAHJI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND (UNAT) AND DR. DENO REED, DHEW/RSA HAVE RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON RESEARCH PROTOCOLS AND BUDGET FOR SUBJECT PROJECT. ACCORDING REED, PROJECT WILL RECEIVE TD143,820 WHICH INCLUDES FUNDS FOR AN END-OF-PROJECT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN TUNISIA.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON THIS PROJECT, GIVING GOT APPROVAL.

3. REED REQUESTS THAT RSA PREPARE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO OBLIGATE FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT FROM ITS FY 1976 SFCP ALLOCATION.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: AS STATED TUNIS 5915 GIVEN CURRENT STATE OF SFCP PROGRAM, EMBASSY BELIEVES NEW PROJECTS SHOULD BE INITIATED ONLY WHEN 1) NEGOTIATIONS HAVE DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT OF U.S. AND TUNISIAN COLLABORATING AGENCIES TO IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE PROJECT AND 2) FUNDS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED FOR THE PROJECT, OR ARE EXCESS TO OTHER USG PRIORITY

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NEEDS. SUBJECT PROJECT BEING UNDERTAKEN IN COLLABORATION WITH

WELL ORGANIZED AGENCY WHICH HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PRIOR
DHEW/SFC PROJECT. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS ALSO THAT FUNDS ALREADY
ALLOCATED TO HEW FROM FY 76 FUNDS. AS RESULT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS
SUBJECT PROJECT BE APPROVED AND OBLIGATED.
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